

**CITY OF BUCKEYE
COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD**

**November 18, 2015
MINUTES**

City Hall
530 E. Monroe Avenue
Buckeye, AZ 85326
6:30 pm

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

Teresa Bible, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Members Present –Board Members Teresa Bible, Linda Gross, Garnett Sailor, Sue Mros, Stephen Rugh and Dr. Peace. Council Liaison Michelle Hess

Staff Present –Community Services Director Cheryl Sedig, Management Assistant Doug Strong, Parks Manager Fred Sanchez, Community Center Manager Phil Yabes and Conservation & Project Manager Robert Wisener

2. Comments from the Public – None

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes for July 15, 2015

A motion was made by Board Member Steve Rugh and seconded by Board Member Dr. Peace to approve the meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. New Business

4a. – Skyline Regional Park Camping Policy

Bob Wisener presented the Skyline Regional Park Camping Policy. A few changes were already submitted and have been included in the outline being presented. Bob went over the policy to include the sections of General Campsite Information, Reservation Process, Arrival and Departure Procedures, General Rules and the Refund/Cancellation Policy.

Vice Chair Rugh was happy with the policy and for the specific instructions on where to dispose of gray water at the nearby truck stop down the road. Mr. Rugh also wanted to confirm the fee amounts for the overnight camping was part of the schedule of fees. Staff confirmed the City Council approved the overnight camping fees back at the beginning of the fiscal year.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Steve Rugh and seconded by Board Member Sue Mros to approve the item. Motion carried unanimously.

4b. – Skyline Regional Park Camp Out Evening Preview

Bob Wisener shared the idea of the board and staff coming together to preview the park before the grand opening. Family members of the board and staff would also be invited. The idea was to possibly have an overnight campout, however, due to many events, holidays and the timeline of the park opening, it was decided an evening preview and barbeque would be best. The board recommended a hike during daylight for those who could make it earlier and then the barbeque afterwards. Bob agreed to put things together and send out the finalized details in the coming weeks. It was also agreed that Councilmember Hess would provide entertainment (singing) at the campfire that evening.

5. **Staff Report**

Cheryl Sedig presented an award provided by the National Recreation and Parks Association to the department as recognition for becoming an accredited agency. Cheryl mentioned although we are certified we need to continue in working to sustain this accreditation and it takes the entire department to work on this on daily basis. Cheryl shared the success of the Halloween Carnival where non-profits earned close to \$17,000 collectively. The Community Yard Sale and Veterans Day Parade were both also successful earlier this month. A slide show/video was created for both these events for those wishing to view it. Upcoming events include the Farmer's Market and the Demolition Derby this weekend. If any board members would like to attend the Derby they could see Cheryl afterwards and receive complimentary admission tickets. The 20th Annual Holiday Boutique and Marathon are quickly approaching in the first part of December. January 9th is set for the Skyline Regional Park Grand Opening. New this year the department is organizing the Air Fair Event which was done by the Public Works Department in the past few years. The date for the Air Fair is set for February 6th. Lastly, the one year anniversary of the Coyote Branch Library is set for February 27th where the Sci-Tech program will be in attendance showcasing components about the program led by Councilmember Hess.

Vice Chair Rugh asked where board members should sign up for volunteering.

Chair Teresa Bible mentioned Miranda will be providing a link for volunteers for the Buckeye Marathon where board members can sign up for specific times and duties they would like to volunteer.

Board Member Mros asked what happened to the volunteer sign up list that was completed at dinner the last time they met. Cheryl mentioned that list was provided to Miranda and she was working on getting the volunteer signup online.

Fred Sanchez reported the number of uses for the fall was over 600 uses for sports leagues. He is happy the parks are being used and staff is now focusing on providing support for the upcoming events. He mentioned those who will be attending the Demolition Derby will see some new improvements to the grounds, especially the restrooms at this location.

Phil Yabes mentioned the Annual Winter Dinner and Dance for December 4th. It will be a lot of fun for those wishing to attend; tickets are \$15 per person. He reported the Dog Days of Buckeye will be making its 3rd comeback which is set for Saturday, March 5th at Sundance Park.

Vice Chair Rugh asked Phil to report on the program related to the book club readings, book discussion, group lecture and the finale of the trip to the site of where the book takes place. This was a combined program with the Senior Program and Library Services which was well attended and where readers could get a better understanding as to these stories.

Bob Wisener provided an update on the White Tanks Conservancy where they are currently recruiting more volunteers in the community to get involved with different aspects of the Conservancy. This will include trail guides, education and assisting resident as they visit Skyline Park. Bob also reported the Parks and Recreation Master Plan is coming close to completion and will be sent out to the board for review soon.

Doug Strong reminded the board to hold on to the latest issue of the Eye on Buckeye where all programs and activities are listed for the next quarter. He also mentioned the next release would be occurring in early January for the spring quarter. Doug also mentioned the Main Street

Coalition has some great events coming up to include the Glow on Monroe and Buckeye Days events and he encourage the board to attend.

6. Comments from the Chair and Board Members

Councilmember Hess reminded the board about Turkey Fest this weekend at the Community Center.

Board Member Dr. Peace asked why Jones Ford was not going to be involved with the Air Fair this year. Cheryl said it was a combination of a few things, specifically the timing of the event with Jones Ford having their own event during the same time and that the Airport doesn't have the right surface to accommodate the numerous cars for a car show.

Board Member Mros thanked Fred and his staff for the use of the trailer for the Senior Program as they used it for the Veterans Day Parade float entry. She was very pleased with the Veteran's Day Parade and looks forward to this becoming an annual event. She enjoyed the tour of Skyline Park and dinner following the tour.

Vice Chair Rugh was very complimentary to the staff and felt it has been an extraordinary year considering what has been achieved. He felt all team members have done very well and he is proud and happy to be part of this board and acknowledges staff efforts.

Chairperson Teresa Bible is proud to be a resident of Buckeye and is very optimistic of the city's future. She closed her remarks by wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

7. Next Meeting-- January 20, 2016 at 6:30pm at Executive Conference Room at City Hall

8. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. by Board Member Sue Mros and seconded by Board Member Linda Gross. Motion carried unanimously.

Teresa Bible, Chair

ATTEST:

Douglas C. Strong, Management Assistant

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Community Services Advisory Board meeting held by the Advisory Board on November 18, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

Douglas C. Strong, Management Assistant